

President Johnson in reply to an address from a deputation of the Union Leagues from New York, who waited upon him, yesterday, said:

"You have referred to my past history and my connection with this rebellion. In reference to that I can only say that the policy which I have indicated heretofore will be my guide in the future. The idea that justice shall be observed is one which has strongly impressed me, and I must be permitted to remark that the time has come when the nature of crime should be understood in this country, and that, too, by the great mass of the people. We have definitions of crimes in the law books, and penalties are affixed to them. We know that perjury is a crime, that arson is a crime. We know, too, that murder is a crime. All these are crimes, and have penalties affixed. When we look at the present murder, the present assassination, and trace it back to its source, no one can be mistaken as to the spirit from which it emanated.

There is no one but would say, in reference to the individual who has perpetrated this infamous, this diabolical, this barbarous act, that he must suffer the penalty annexed to the offense. Then, if you would say this, that the assassin of a single individual, the murderer of a single man, must suffer the penalty of death, what should be inflicted on him who tries to assassinate a nation, and take away its life? We must consider the nature of the crime and the demands of justice, and not the misery, woe or ruin of the individual who is guilty. We must look at it in the exercise and carrying out of stern, inflexible justice. The time has come for us to understand that treason is a crime, the highest of crimes; in other words, that all crimes are submerged in treason and he who has committed treason has committed all crimes."

CLOSED—The Protestant Episcopal Churches in Richmond were closed on yesterday. A brief statement will explain the cause of this proceeding.

The Episcopal Churches, it seems, were obnoxious to "General Order No. 29" which says: "In all churches where prayers have heretofore been offered for the so called President of the Confederate States, a similar mark of respect is hereby ordered to be paid to the President of the United States." The rules of the church enjoin that while omissions may be made in the prayers, no portion shall be changed except by the authority of an Ecclesiastical Council, which must be presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese. The prayers heretofore included the words "Confederate States," and though the clergymen were at liberty, and were willing, to omit the objectionable words, they had no authority to substitute therefore the words "United States." Bishop Johns is in Halifax Co., therefore there could be no communication with him, and no Council could be held.

In this dilemma the clergymen of the various churches waited on General Ord and stated the case. The General said the explanation was perfectly satisfactory, but the churches must be closed; the clergy were obliged to obey their ecclesiastical, and he his military superiors.—*Rich. Whig.*

PRESIDENT JOHNSON.—The N. Y. Tribune says that President Johnson is a native of North Carolina. He went to Tennessee at the age of twenty, poor, friendless, and unlettered, having never gone to school a day in his life.—A journeyman tailor, of course he had but poor opportunities of getting an education then. But he was so fortunate as to marry a lady of education, and thus a teacher was supplied. A few years found him master of a profession (the law, which he never entered, having been kept constantly in public life) and a member of the Legislature—first of one branch, then of the other—and subsequently in Congress.

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